

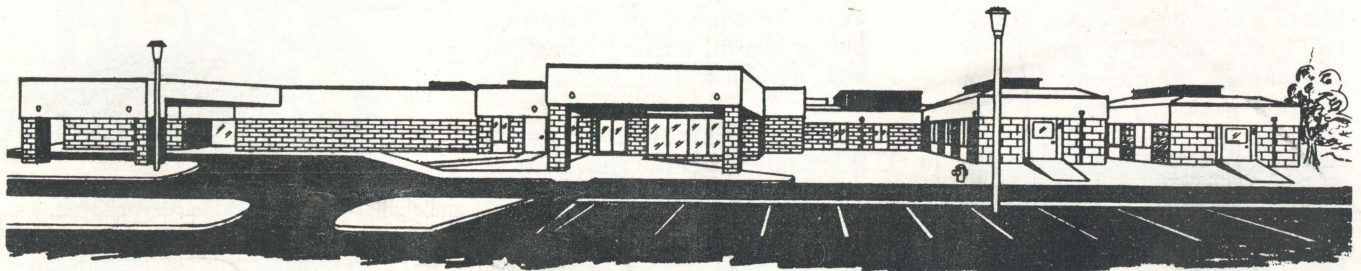
# HOUSE CALL

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## The New Hospital Opens

By GENE HALL

The hospital that "had to happen" has happened.

And now, standing out in the bright winter sunshine, the sparkling new, \$7.9 million Intercommunity Hospital is about to open its doors.

With the transfer of patients — now scheduled for January — a new era of medical excellency is destined to unfold in Solano County. The hospital is all that it was promised to be and, in some instances, maybe even a little more. It is a dream that became a reality. It stands ready to be a focal point for man's unrelenting battle against disease. Most importantly, it holds out hope for those among us who are ill and who need the hospital's ultra-modern technology to speed them to recovery.

The hospital that "had to happen" did not happen easily. Thousands of hours of pain-staking planning took place before the first nail was driven or the first yard of concrete poured.

In the summer of 1974 negotiations, were started with The Careage Corporation of Bellevue,

Washington, the eventual general contractor for the new facility. Working diligently on those plans were the volunteer members of the hospital's Board of Directors and the man who was the Administrator at the time, Richard Macias, Jr.

On October 19, 1975, local dignitaries turned out in force to conduct the official groundbreaking for the new hospital. Within days, hammers were hammering, saws were whizzing and the general bustle of construction could be loudly heard. In the meantime, an ambitious fund raising drive was put into high gear with the goal of \$1 million in public subscription as the target.

The community responded well to requests for financial assist-

ance. That help is still being sought — and received — today.

The new hospital has dramatic improvements over the old one. Some of the facility's highlights include:

--Every room, with the exception of the maternity suite, is completely private.

--The Emergency Department has been substantially increased in size and contains a trauma room. The E.R. has an easy access entrance, is bright and "airy" and is equipped with a wide array of life-saving equipment.

--An intensive care/coronary care unit has been designed with the critically ill in mind. Special equipment can monitor virtually every heartbeat of patients in this

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## Your Help is Needed

As a non-profit community hospital, Intercommunity depends on much of its support from the generosity of the community it serves.

The hospital offers a number of giving programs, including living

memorials for loved ones.

Intercommunity is YOUR hospital. We need your tax deductible donations to carry on the battle against sickness.

For further information, please contact the Building Fund office at 422-4155.

## Our New Nursing Director

# All because of a 'white tornado'

A "White Tornado" brought new Nursing Director Jane Lighty to Intercommunity Hospital.

The "Tornado" is the hospital's new administrator, John L. Thompson, who left a five-week stay at the Natividad Medical Center in Salinas with at least three of its employees in tow.

"He asked me to come up as a consultant one day and I liked the climate of the hospital and the fact of a community-based hospital where objective growth is happening," the director said on her first work day here.



**JANE LIGHTY**

Mrs. Lighty moved from the nursing director's position at the Salinas hospital to Intercommunity where she began supervision of the staff of about 170 nursing positions Dec. 21.

It was the ideas of moving into a brand new plant and working under the direction of a professional administrator who is very forward thinking that brought her here, she said.

"Solano County seems like a fine opportunity for me professionally.

"I think the organization here is just at a point where people are gearing up for a change — for taking better care of patients — for a new hospital and new leadership with clear cut philosophy and objectives for the organization."

"Nurses have unique contributions to make to patient care," she said. "Perhaps one of my first

goals here will be to be instrumental in facilitating communication, understanding and mutual respect between physicians and nurses, the end result of which would be a beneficial effect on patient care planning.

"It really comes down to an individual physician, an individual nurse and an individual plan of care for a patient."

Mrs. Lighty brings a multiple work experience in pediatrics, public health, nursing education and administration to her job here.

She graduated in 1958 with a B.S. degree from the University of California at San Francisco and with a M.A. degree from the University of Iowa in 1972.

She recently moved to Benicia from her home in Carmel.

## Iris Engell's Daughter Marries

Housecall extends congratulations to Iris Engell on the marriage of her daughter, Lynn, to Marvin McCormick in early November.

The ceremony was beautifully arranged with the wedding vows written and exchanged by Lynn and Marvin. Approximately 200 guests witnessed the event.

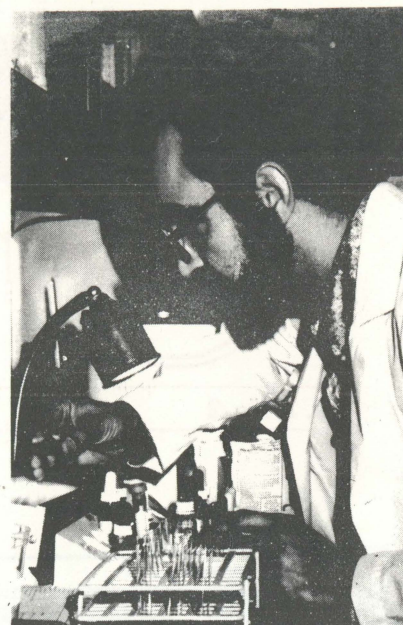
Immediately following the ceremony and a shower of rice, the bride and groom were escorted in a unique old-fashioned Rolls Royce equipped with telephone, bar facilities, etc., directly to the Fairfield Civic Center, where a reception in their honor was underway.

It was a memorable event, and once again, all of us at the hospital extend warm congratulations.

## Welcome To New Employees

The following persons joined Intercommunity Hospital during November:

Jerry Rankin, x-ray technician; Don Ghiselli, respiratory technician; John Hathcock, house-



## Nick Simone Names Paper

Our new name, "House Call," was the product of a pizza-and-beer-induced nightmare, Nick Simone said jokingly.

Simone, a lab technologist, was awarded a gift certificate for a dinner for two at the Nut Tree Restaurant for his suggestion of the name.

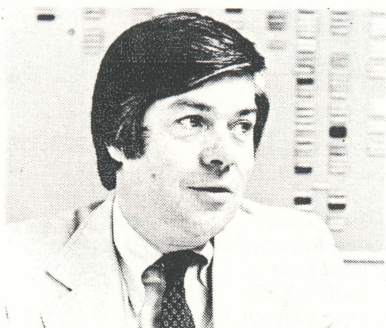
"House Call" just seemed right, Simone said. It calls to mind "someone going to someone else to care for them," like the newsletter will carry the hospital's news into the community, he said. "It just seemed apropos for a hospital."

The winning name was selected from among almost 50 suggestions which came in response to a request in the November issue. The judges were public relations consultant Gene Hall, Liz Almeida and Martha Orr, public relations staff.

Simone, 38, has worked for Intercommunity Hospital nine years and lives in Fairfield.

keeper; Chong Rutledge, housekeeper; Elizabeth Turner, housekeeper; Gigi Traxler, business office; Maureen Boubelik, administrative secretary, and Carl Miller, maintenance.

Welcome to the hospital!



## Administrator Sees an Active Hospital Role

The man who "runs" Intercommunity Hospital is its newly-appointed Administrator, John L. Thompson, 41. Named as the hospital's chief operating officer on September 21st, Thompson brings to the position a diversified background in the health care industry.

Immediately before being named administrator here, Thompson was assistant regional administrator for National Medical Enterprises, Inc. In that position he shared in management of 10 hospitals ranging in size from 30 to 250 beds.

The new Administrator and his wife, Donna, have three children, Kathleen, Andrew, and John. Although the family presently lives in Pebble Beach, they plan to move to Solano County in the immediate future.

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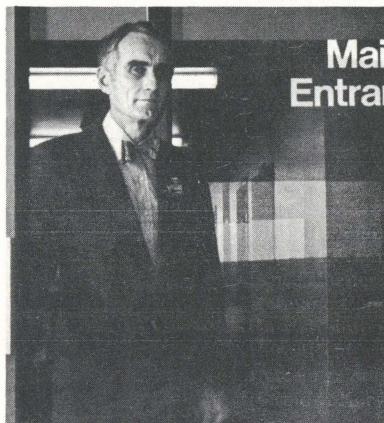
# New Hospital Expected To Draw More Physicians

The new Intercommunity Hospital is going to attract top-notch physicians to this area, according to the hospital's Chief of Staff, Dr. William H. Peniston.

"I keep hearing people say they can't understand why this nice place in California isn't growing medically," he said. "In the past it has been because of the totally inadequate hospital facilities."

"Now we're going to have just about everything we need to attract specialties in every field."

What is going to bring physicians into Solano County to practice medicine?



Better diagnostic and treatment facilities, better nursing conditions, an intensive care unit, improved X-ray facilities and the capacity to practice nuclear medicine are a few attractions. A new emergency room will enable patients to be seen in individual examination cubicles instead of in curtained areas of a main hospital corridor as in the past.

Dr. Peniston is a Vacaville-Fairfield area surgeon and a member of the six-man Ulatis Medical Clinic. He has served on the Intercommunity Hospital Board of Directors for three years.

The hospital's new intensive care unit will not only serve coronary patients as in the past, he said, but will be available for anyone needing optimum care, including post-operative patients.

The hospital's new nuclear

medicine capability will allow on-site diagnosis of patients who, in the past, may had to have been transported to Napa while in serious condition.

Emergency facilities will cover about five times the floor space of the existing emergency room and will provide a waiting area and separate trauma room.

Such changes will make the hospital more convenient for the patients as well as the staff, Dr. Peniston said.

## He's our Chief of Staff

When Dr. William Peniston retired from the Air Force five years ago he picked the area hoping that it would be the home of a badly needed new hospital.

This year he'll welcome that new facility as its Chief of Staff, and enjoy the position for just three more months.

He'll be turning the position over to Vacaville physician Dr. Ronald Rushford when his year-long term ends in March. Dr. Peniston will remain on the hospital's Board of Directors where he has served for the past year.

"This is really a top-notch medical staff, and it has been a real pleasure to work with it," he said. "They haven't required the Chief of Staff to be authoritative or get involved in a lot of conferences over acute problems."

Dr. Peniston is a native of New Jersey and moved to Los Gatos with his family at the age of eight. He served as a line officer in the Navy during World War II. He attended Stanford Medical School and completed his residency at Stanford University Hospitals in 1957. He was senior fellow in cancer surgery at Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas, in 1966-67. He retired from the Air Force after a 28-year career.

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## The New Hospital Opens. . .

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unit. If help is needed, specially trained nurses and other personnel can rush to the patient's aid in seconds.

--Three fully equipped operating rooms with an adjacent eight-bed recovery room.

--Two fully equipped delivery rooms.

--A nuclear Medicine Department.

--An enlarged and fully equipped Laboratory and Radiology Department.

With the advent of the new hospital, a new awareness of health care is expected in Solano County.

The hospital's recently named Administrator, John L. Thompson, has listed as one of his top priorities a broader involvement between the hospital and the people it serves.

Thompson has indicated he will encourage individuals and groups to visit the hospital to learn more about its programs and facilities. He also has said that he will "take the hospital out into the community" in the form of local health fairs and seminars.

So, although the hospital that had to happen has, indeed, happened, this is only the beginning of the story. The exciting balance will come today, tomorrow and in the generations to come.



### *Big Helping Hand*

The Intercommunity Memorial Hospital Guild is of extremely high value to the hospital. The Guild has made a \$200,000 pledge to Intercommunity, and \$25,000 of it has already been turned over. In this picture Guild President Grace Ledger presents Administrator John L. Thompson with a check for \$6,000. In addition to its financial support, the Guild provides the hospital with a number of volunteer services.

## Miscellany...Miscellany...Mis

*Del Barnard* from Radiology has returned from his annual hunting trip to Colorado. . . *Regina Spencer*, Housekeeping, has vacationed in her home state of Virginia. . . *Joe Filomeno*, Housekeeping, went to his native land, the Philippine Islands, for a vacation. . . *Martha Logan*, Housekeeping, was on vacation to her home state of Kentucky. . . *Nadyne Stafford*, Purchasing, spent a few

days in San Clemente and then returned with her daughter for a visit. . . Fond farewells to *Vicki Dennis* of the Pharmacy. . . *Vicki* leaves after 11 years on the staff. . . She began her employment in the Nursing Department as an aide. . . Later she transferred to the then existing OR/Central Supply/Purchasing Departments as a clerk. . . We wish her a peaceful and fulfilling retirement to her gardens and hobbies. . .

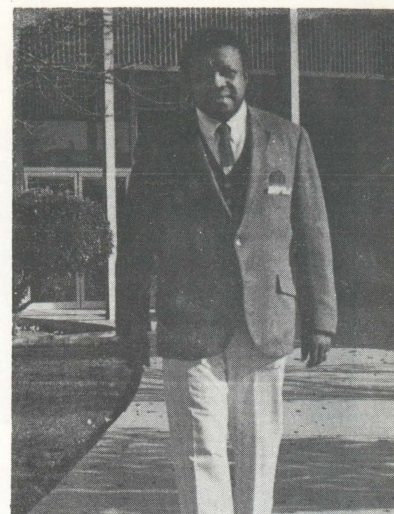
## Coming Next Month

Numerous stories of interest to friends and employees of Intercommunity Hospital are planned for next month's issue.

They include articles on our Emergency Room Chief, Dr. Bruce Baldwin, and on our new Assist-

ant Administrator, Terry Pitts.

Business office employees will be highlighted in a special story, and for the cooks of the world Martha Orr and the Hospital Guild will offer a few mouth watering recipes.



**LEROY PICKNEY**

## New Dietary, Housekeeping Chief Named

Leroy Pickney keeps about \$6,000 worth of groceries on hand, and that doesn't seem like much to him.

Pickney, the new director of general services for Intercommunity Hospital, trained in the Merced Community Medical Center where the week's grocery inventory stays around \$35,000.

"It's nice being some place a little smaller," he said.

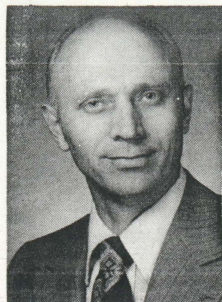
Pickney works for ARA Services, Inc., based in Philadelphia, which began providing services for Intercommunity Hospital Nov. 1.

Pickney oversees food services and housekeeping operations with a total of about 25 employees. Under his supervision, the dietitian prepares meals for about 35 patients and 10 kitchen employees daily.

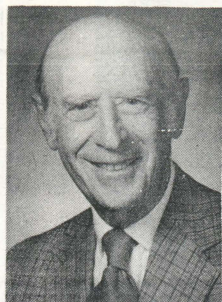
A recent Air Force retiree, Pickney spent 24 of his 26 years in the military in food services. He and his wife, Dolores, and their 9-year-old daughter, Maria, live in Atwater. An older daughter, Mary Moore, is married and lives in Germany.

"The important thing with this job," Pickney said, "is you try to see that the patients are happy and try to satisfy the management of the hospital."

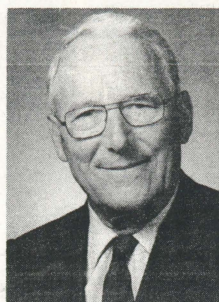
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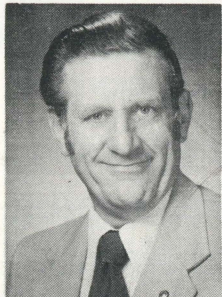
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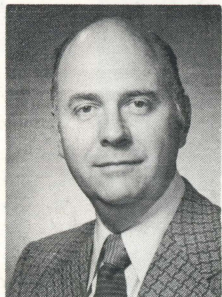
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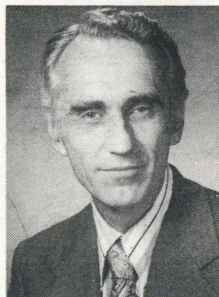
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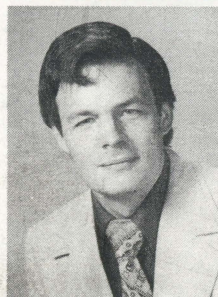
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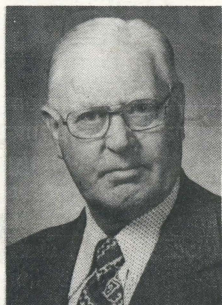
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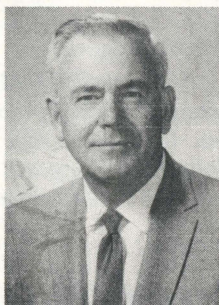
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## Meet The Hospital Board of Directors

B. Gale Wilson is president of the Board of Directors. A Fairfield resident, he is city manager of that city and has served on the board 12 years.

Nathaniel M. Richman serves as vice president of the Board of Directors and has been on the board since 1971. He is retired from employment in a filter manufacturing company in Connecticut.

Board Treasurer, Rudy Werner, is a charter member of the Board of Directors. He is the retired owner of a dairy and creamery.

Martha S. Orr is an active member of the Intercommunity Hospital Guild and has been a member of the Board of Directors

for seven years. She presently serves as secretary of the board and acts as a liaison between the board and guild. Mrs. Orr lives in Vacaville.

Board member, Charles Quinn, has served in that capacity four years. He is a Green Valley resident and manages J. C. Penney Co. store in Fairfield.

Dr. John E. Parkinson is a 10-year member of the board. He specializes in internal medicine and resides in Fairfield.

Board member, Dr. William H. Peniston, is a surgeon with Ulatis Medical Group offices in Vacaville and Fairfield. He is out-going chief of staff and has served on

the Board of Directors for one year. He lives in Vacaville.

Dr. Harold J. Helbock practices pediatrics in Fairfield. The Vacaville resident is a two-year member of the board.

Member W. Morris Dally is a rancher and Elmira resident. He has served on the Board of Directors for 20 years.

George Tomasini is a newly elected member of the Board of Directors. He lives in Fairfield and works for Young Insurance Company.

James Hopkins was elected to the Board of Directors in 1976. A Fairfield resident, he is branch manager of the Lloyds Bank branch there.